



# South Carolina Agricultural Education

Annual Report 2018-2019



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# FROM OUR STATE DIRECTOR



I am pleased to present the first ever Annual Report of Agricultural Education in South Carolina. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our teachers and students in Agricultural Education programs throughout the state. It is with great pride that we offer to you this report, so that you too, can witness the accomplishments of South Carolina's greatest resources, our young people.

This report will list accomplishments of our FFA, Farmer and Agribusiness Association and SC Association of Agricultural Educators. In addition, it will give you an idea of the number of teachers and students that we have, where our programs are located, and just how fast we are growing. You will note the names of both students and adults, in Agricultural Education, that have accomplished great things, such as receiving the American FFA Degree, serving as a national officer for the National Young Farmer Education Association, or receiving recognition for success in the classroom.

As you review our enrollment trends, you will note that we have grown by over 40 teachers just in the last five years. You will see that our student enrollment continues to climb, as well as FFA membership. Is it any wonder that the FFA State Convention has outgrown the largest venue at Clemson University, other than Littlejohn?

South Carolina Agricultural Education has a unique structure. While other states operate their programs through the Department of Education South Carolina is one of only a couple of states that offer its program supervision of Agricultural Education, through its land grant institution. It would be remiss to mention the accomplishments of Agricultural Education, without giving credit to Clemson University, Clemson University, and more specifically, Clemson Extension, provides the structure and support to ensure that all programs conducted through Agricultural Education in South Carolina are properly structured and supported. The resources provided through this land grant University provides support that is the envy of most other states.

While it is good to be proud of your accomplishments, it is also not wise to rest on your laurels. Therefore, it is our challenge to make sure that we continue to teach our students, with the hope that some will accept the calling to become agriculture teachers and work to ensure that Agricultural Education remains strong for many years to come. We must be willing to step into leadership roles as they become available, to ensure that our program continues in the right direction. And we must promote our program so that people are aware of what Agricultural Education and the FFA can do for the youth of our state.

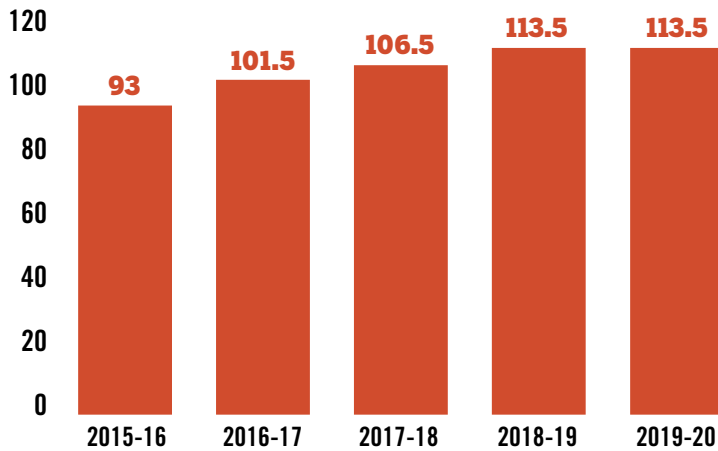
I hope that you enjoy this Annual Report on Agricultural Education in South Carolina, and a special thanks to all involved, that made the successes of our programs possible.

William E. Keels  
State Director, Agricultural Education  
South Carolina

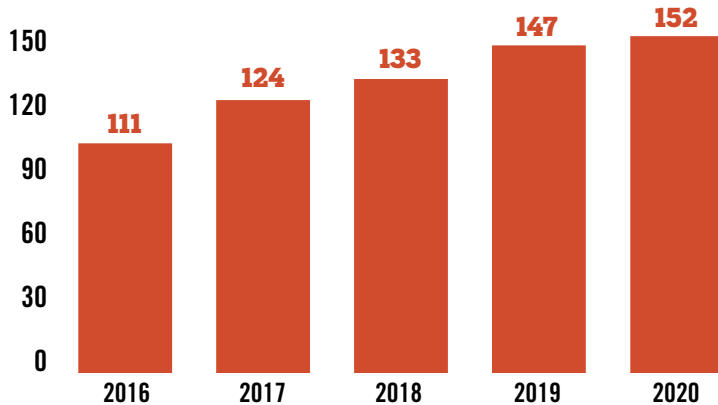


# SC AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

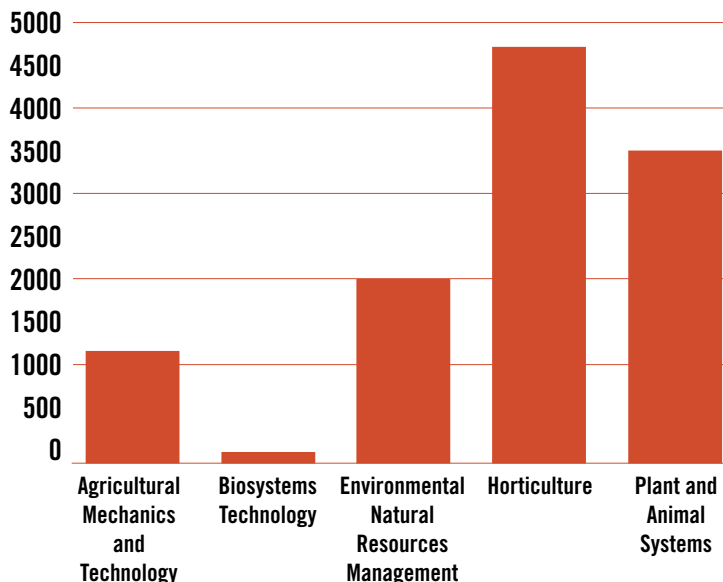
## Program Growth



## Teacher Growth



## Enrollment by Pathway



## Agricultural Education Students Impact on South Carolina's Economy

Every student enrolled in Agricultural Education is required to have a Supervised Agricultural Experience. This program allows students to gain work experience through exploratory, placement or entrepreneurial experiences, gaining them much needed job skills and training. In addition to the career preparation, the students also make quite an impact each year on the economy in South Carolina. In 2018-19, Agricultural Education students generated the following economic impact on our state:

UNPAID HOURS DEDICATED TO SAE'S

**260,465**

PAID HOURS THROUGH SAE'S

**307,183**

WAGES EARNED THROUGH SAE'S

**\$1,812,173**

AMOUNT INVESTED BY STUDENTS IN SAE'S

**\$341,561**

AMOUNT EARNED FROM SAE INVESTMENTS

**\$1,003,141**



# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Region I



### Region I High Schools

Anderson I & II Career and Technology Center  
Anderson Institute of Technology  
Belton-Honea Path High School  
Pendleton High School  
Crescent High School  
Berea High School  
Blue Ridge High School  
H.B. Swofford Career Center  
Hillcrest High School  
Greer High School  
Landrum High School  
Liberty High School  
Mauldin High School  
Pickens High School  
Pickens County Career & Technology Center  
RD Anderson Applied Technology Center  
SC School for the Deaf and Blind  
Seneca High School  
Travelers Rest High School  
Walhalla High School  
West Oak High School  
Woodmont High School

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### Region I Middle Schools

Belton-Honea Path Middle School  
Bryson Middle School  
Ralph Chandler Middle School  
Riverside Middle School  
Landrum Middle School

Seneca Middle School  
Starr-Iva Middle School  
Walhalla Middle School  
West Oak Middle School  
Woodmont Middle School

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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

# 39.5

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

# 9.5

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

# 9.5

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Region II



### Region II High Schools

Abbeville High School  
Blythewood High School  
Calhoun Falls Charter School  
Center for Advanced Technology  
Cherokee Technology Center  
Chester County Career Center  
Clinton High School  
Clover High School  
Dixie High School  
Fairfield Career and Technology Center  
Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center  
Fort Mill High School  
Heyward Career and Technology Center  
Laurens District 55 High School  
Nation Ford High School  
Newberry County Career Center  
Ninety-Six High School  
Rock Hill Area Technology Center  
Saluda High School  
Strom Thurmond Career Center  
Union Career and Technology Center  
Ware Shoals High School  
W. J. Keenan High School

### Region II Middle School

York Middle School

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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

# 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

# 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Region III



### Region III High Schools

- Andrew Jackson High School
- Aynor High School
- Buford High School
- Carolina Forest High School
- Carvers Bay High School
- Central High School
- Cheraw High School
- Chesterfield High School
- Crestwood High School
- Conway High School
- Darlington Co. Institute of Technology
- East Clarendon High School
- Florence Co. Career Center
- Georgetown High School
- Green Sea Floyds H.S.
- Indian Land High School
- Lake View High School
- Lakewood High School
- Latta High School
- Lee County Career & Technology Center
- Loris High School
- Manning High School
- Marlboro County High School

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- McBee High School
- North Central High School
- Socastee High School
- Woolard Technology Center

### Region III Middle Schools

- Furman Middle School
- Manning Middle School

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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

2

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

2

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Region IV



### Region IV High Schools

Aiken High School  
Ashley Ridge High School  
Bamberg-Erhardt High School  
Barnwell County Career Center  
Batesburg-Leesville High School  
Battery Creek High School  
Beaufort-Jasper ACE  
Branchville High School  
Cane Bay High School  
Cross High School  
Dorchester County Career & Technology Center  
Edisto High School  
Estill High School  
Gilbert High School  
Lake Marion High School  
Lexington Technology Center  
Low Country Leadership Charter School  
Midland Valley High School  
Pelion High School  
Ridge Spring-Monetta High School  
Silver Bluff High School  
Swansea High School  
Thunderbolt Career & Technology Center  
Timberland High School  
Wagener-Salley High School  
Wando High School

### Region IV Middle School

Pelion Middle School



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HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

# 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

# A WORD FROM THE SC FFA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-JILLIAN LASH

The South Carolina FFA Association experienced a year of change in 2018-19, but it also experienced a period of great success. During the past year, the SC FFA obtained a membership of 8,252 students. This is the highest membership for the SC FFA Association in recent times.

The dedication and hard work of these FFA members has produced many successes, honors and awards for the state of South Carolina. It is our great honor to highlight the achievements of FFA Chapters and students from across the state over this past year in this report.

It should be mentioned that none of the successes noted in this report would be possible without the support of our amazing sponsors, volunteers, advisors and members. And a very special thank you to our SC FFA Foundation, who works diligently to ensure that our organization has the resources to provide positive experiences for all of our students.

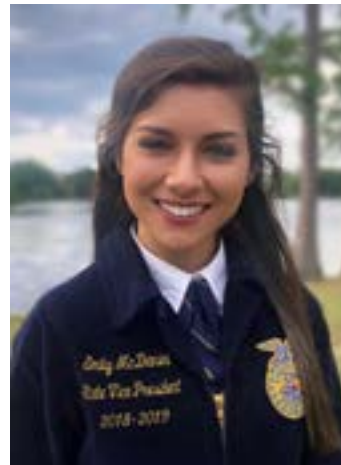
We are beyond thankful for what we've been able to accomplish this past year and are excited to see where the SC FFA will be in the future.



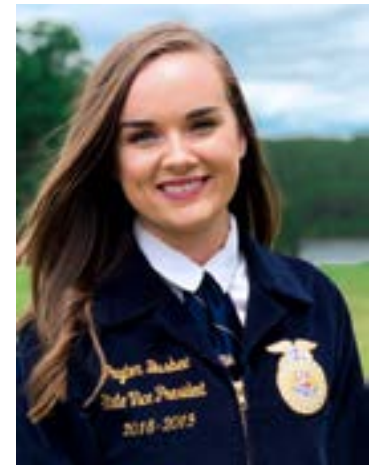
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Seneca FFA Chapter  
Clemson University majoring  
in Agriculture Education



**Mariah Swygert**  
Batesburg-Leesville FFA Chapter  
Clemson University majoring  
in Agriculture Education



**Emily McDaniel**  
McBee FFA Chapter  
Senior at McBee High School



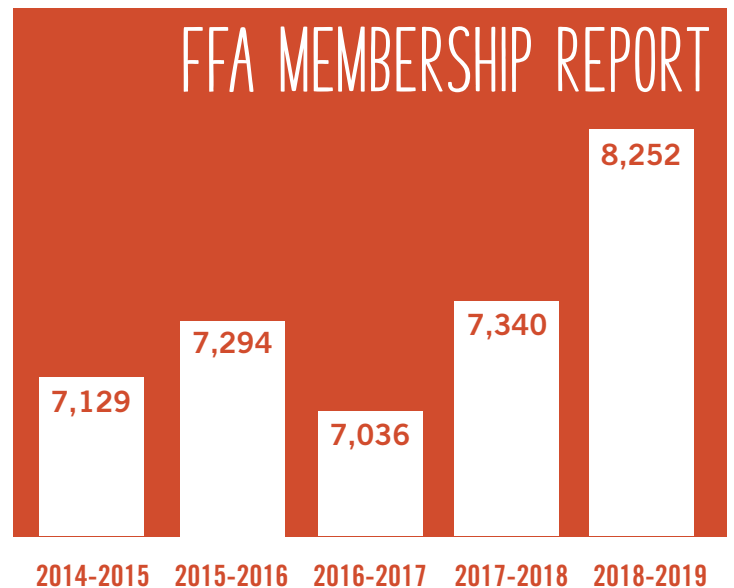
**Payton Busbee**  
Abbeville FFA Chapter  
Clemson University majoring  
in Agribusiness



**Jessie Comer**  
York FFA Chapter  
Clemson University majoring  
in Agriculture Education



**Amanda Taylor**  
Battery Creek FFA Chapter  
Clemson University majoring in  
Wildlife and Fisheries Biology





# SC FFA MAKES AN IMPACT ON SOUTH CAROLINA



## FFA Contributes Over 400 Flats of Plants to the Statehouse

The SC FFA Association in conjunction with the SC Association of Agricultural Educators, contributed over 400 flats of plants grown in their greenhouses, to the state of South Carolina, to be used to beautify state buildings.



## FFA Provides over 34,000 Meals for the Hungry

The SC FFA Association, as part of their annual State Convention, worked through the Meals of Hope Foundation, to package and send out over 34,000 meals, to feed the hungry across the state.



## SC FFA Collects Supplies for Hurricane Victims

Through a "fill a bucket" campaign, led by the Loris FFA Chapter, FFA Chapters from across the state brought supplies for hurricane victims to the SC State Fair, where the items were collected and transported to Loris, where the Loris Chapter ensured the items were delivered to needy victims of the hurricane and flood.



## FFA Students Learn about State Government

Every year, during National FFA Week, FFA Chapter members from across South Carolina descend on the Statehouse to visit with their Legislators and share with them what their chapters have been doing, while also learning about how state government functions, and keeping up with issues affecting agriculture in South Carolina.



## SC FFA Camp Serves as Host for Hurricane Relief Teams from Across the Southeast

After South Carolina was hit by both Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Matthew, disaster relief teams from the Southern Baptist Convention came to provide assistance to victims in South Carolina. The SC FFA Camp in North Myrtle Beach opened its doors, providing housing and food, to teams from Georgia, Alabama, and Texas.

Learning to Do  
Doing to Learn  
Earning to Live  
Living to serve

# 2018-2019 SC FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

## **Agricultural Education**

Gracie Helms, Central  
Sponsored by South Carolina  
Association of Agricultural Educators

## **Agricultural Mechanics**

Lexington-Richland 5  
Sponsored by ATI and SC FFA  
Foundation

## **Agronomy**

Loris  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Conduct of Chapter Meetings**

Manning Middle  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Creed Speaking – Greenhand**

Lance Brown, Wagener-Salley  
Sponsored by John De La Howe School

## **Creed Speaking – Upper**

Zhanae' Chandler, Carvers Bay  
Sponsored by John De La Howe School

## **Dairy Evaluation**

Clover  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Dairy Handler Activity**

Catherine Faulkner, Clover  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Employment Skills**

Christina Knotts, Belton Honea Path  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**

Kylie Cathcart, Lexington-Richland 5  
Sponsored by SC Farmer and  
Agribusiness Association

## **Farm Business Management**

Strom Thurmond  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Floriculture**

Conway  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Forestry**

Aynor  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Greenhand Knowledge Bowl**

Loris  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Horse Evaluation**

Clover  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Livestock Evaluation**

Crescent  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Meats Evaluation and Technology**

Lexington Technology Center  
Sponsored by Sealed Air

## **Milk Quality and Products**

Conway  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Nursery and Landscape**

Dixie  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Parliamentary Procedure**

Crestwood  
Sponsored by Emmanuel College and  
SC FFA Foundation

## **Poultry**

Clover  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Prepared Public Speaking**

Callie Osment, Loris  
Sponsored by SC Farmer and  
Agribusiness Association

## **Soils**

Pendleton  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Tool ID**

Aynor  
Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

## **Tractor Operation and Safety**

Wagener-Salley  
Sponsored by STEC

## **Turf Grass Management**

Loris  
Sponsored by SC Sports Turf Managers  
Association

## **Wildlife**

Pelion  
Sponsored by Horry Georgetown  
Technical College

## **Wildlife Habitat Education Program**

Pendleton  
Sponsored by Clemson Extension

# 2019 AGRISCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Sponsored by SC FFA Foundation

**Animal Systems**, Division 5 – Cayden Gates, Nation Ford

**Animal Systems**, Division 6 – Ryan Schrank and  
Loni McKenzie, Lexington Technology Center

**Environmental Services**, Division 5 – Mackenzie Mount,  
Lexington Technology Center

**Food Products and Processing**, Division 5 – Haley Baugus,  
Lexington Technology Center

**Plant Systems**, Division 3 – Ryan Thomas, Seneca

**Plant Systems**, Division 4 – Tycen Stegall and Ryan Wallace,  
Seneca

**Plant Systems**, Division 6 – Victoria Gillis and Hailey  
Williamson, Lexington Technology Center

**Social Science**, Division 3 – Blanca Sanchez, Seneca

**Social Science**, Division 4 – Taylor Sheriff and Alyssa Christen,  
Seneca

**Social Science**, Division 5 – Chezney Crosby, Lexington  
Technology Center

**Social Science**, Division 6 – Lynsey Dawkins and Kelly Rauch,  
Gilbert

# AWARDS

## 2018 Agricultural Proficiency Awards

National Finalist = NF Gold = G Silver = S Bronze = B

Proficiency Award Area	Student Name	Chapter Name	Rating
Agricultural Communications Entrepreneurship/Placement	Dessie Smith	Crescent	S
Agricultural Education Entrepreneurship/Placement	Jason Smith	Pendleton FFA Chapter	S
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship	Catherine Faulkner	Clover FFA	S
Beef Production - Placement	Calen Rainey	Crescent	B
Diversified Agricultural Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement	Dawton Davis	Aynor	B
Diversified Crop Production - Placement	Gracie Herrin	Thurmond FFA	B
Diversified Horticulture - Entrepreneurship/Placement	Cale Craig	Aynor	B
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	Abi Clinkscales	Crescent FFA Chapter	S
Equine Science - Placement	Samantha Parker	Pendleton	S
Forage Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement	William Bowman	Crescent	B
Forest Management & Products - Entrepreneurship/Placement	Brooklyn Latham	Crescent	S
Goat Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement	Josh Bobo	Belton-Honea Path	B
Grain Production - Placement	Carson Strickland	Aynor	S
Home and/or Community Development - Entrepreneurship/Placement	John Ammons	Pendleton	S
Outdoor Recreation - Entrepreneurship/Placement	Matthew Finch	Nation Ford	G
Poultry Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement	MaKayla Kelley	Crescent	G
Small Animal Production and Care - Entrepreneurship/Placement	Sydney Grace Lewis	Conway	G
Specialty Crop Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement	Ethan Gore	Aynor	S
Swine Production - Entrepreneurship	Lydia Swygert	Batesburg-Leesville FFA	B



# 2018 DEGREES

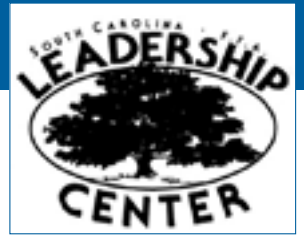
## State FFA Degree

Brandon Henderson - Abbeville	Ethan Quick - Cheraw	Jacob Wiltzie - Indian Land	Rucker Krasselt - Swansea
Dalesia Moss - Abbeville	Donovan Thompson - Cheraw	Lillian Pruitt - Laurens	Benjamin Guess - Thurmond
Jamilah Smith - Abbeville	James Whitaker - Cheraw	Cameron Blankenship - LR5	Carrie Herlong - Thurmond
Lillian Smith - Abbeville	Jason Bowman - Chester County	Adriann Halbisen - LR5	Anna Kate Hightower - Thurmond
Daniel Doster - Andrew Jackson	Lane Gerbers - Chester County	William James - LR5	Johnathan Kemp - Thurmond
Gaven Gooch - Andrew Jackson	Hunter Penland - Chester County	Emma White - LR5	Bradley Kemp - Thurmond
Greyson McKoy - Andrew Jackson	Gage Rousseau - Chester County	Gage Conner - Loris	Merissa MacDonald - Thurmond
Lillian Jeter - Ashley Ridge	John Michael Lapomarda - Clinton	Madison Cox - Loris	Ashley Mims - Thurmond
Virginia Kackley - Ashley Ridge	Nicholas Smith - Clinton	Chloe Holmes - Loris	Truett Taylor - Thurmond
Haley Britt - Aynor	Blair Denise Abernathy - Clover	Tyler Lamb - Loris	Bryson Thompson - Thurmond
Joshua Duke - Aynor	Mary Mason Carpenter - Clover	Rachel Tyler - Loris	Haleigh Timmons - Thurmond
Lucas Damian Graham - Aynor	Sophie Kuhn - Clover	Mason Tyler - Loris	Elizabeth Verdery - Thurmond
Kaitlynn Cooker - Barnwell CCC	Martha Ann Robinson - Clover	Lillian Gillard - Manning	Hunter Capps - Travelers Rest
Kyle Kinard - Barnwell CCC	Christina Knapp - Colleton County	Cliffton Fedorchek - McBee	James Benton - Union County
Justin Moore - Barnwell CCC	Olivia Langdale - Colleton County	Lee Griffin - McBee	Cailey Edwards - Union County
Britney Williams - Barnwell CCC	Tristin Gilliam - Conway	Kira Maier - Nation Ford	Hunter Inman - Union County
Abby Blume - Batesburg-Leesville	Austin King - Conway	Nadia Maier - Nation Ford	William Long - Union County
Jade Ashley - BHP	Katie Lewis - Conway	Katherine Silver - Nation Ford	Bailey Long - Union County
Carissa Branyon - BHP	Sydney-Grace Lewis - Conway	Hannah White - Ninety-Six	Patrick Long - Union County
Jake Buffington - BHP	Tempest Reck - Conway	Lane Lanigan - Pelion	Austin Christopher Millwood - Union County
Chase Cox - BHP	Keon Singletary - Conway	Ryan Rucker - Pelion	Donasia Nash - Union County
Trevor Gorman - BHP	Kaetlin Carnes - Crescent	Tanner Shumpert - Pelion	Floyd Owens Jr. - Union County
Hunter Hanks - BHP	Abi Clinkscales - Crescent	Sydney Gambrell - Pendleton	Emily Reeves - Union County
Alyssa Levasseur - BHP	Rachel Eades - Crescent	Chance Parker - Pendleton	George Spencer - Union County
Chandler Mitchell - BHP	Michaela Herring - Crescent	Jasmine Riggins - Pendleton	Jasmine Suggs - Union County
Austin Moore - BHP	Jesse Willis McGee - Crescent	Brooke Alexander - Pickens CTC	Avery McCall - Walhalla
Hunter Richey - BHP	Hannah Wooten - Crescent	Ivy Bryan - Pickens CTC	Abbie Worsencroft - Walhalla
Madison Mullins - Blythewood	Allison Foxworth - Crestwood	Kali Chandler - Pickens CTC	Zoe Zimmerman - Walhalla
Janina McDuffie - Blythewood	Theron Brodie Evans - Dixie	Ian Gourdin - Pickens CTC	Cooper Brown - Wagener-Salley
Yancey Dinger - Buford	Tanita Tembaak - Fort Mill	Augusta Holder - Pickens CTC	Dalton Fields - Wagener-Salley
Tristan Miller - Buford	Sarah Pierce - Fort Mill	Chloe Holliday - Pickens CTC	Mason Klimek - Wagener-Salley
Justin Stillwell - Buford	Lynsey Dawkins - Gilbert	Victoria Hudson - Pickens CTC	Taylor Love - Wagener-Salley
SaVanna Walters - Buford	Henry Gunter - Gilbert	Abbey Huff - Pickens CTC	Tristan Nisbet - Wagener-Salley
Rebecca Fleming - Calhoun Falls	Kelly Rauch - Gilbert	Desire Lawson - Pickens CTC	Abel Valdivia-Mendiola - Wagener-Salley
Anna Grace Rhodes - Calhoun Falls	Keegan Davis - Green Sea Floyds	Shyann Oglesby - Pickens CTC	Will Calvert - Ware Shoals
Olivia Rodriguez - Calhoun Falls	Caleb Hewitt - Green Sea Floyds	Lydia Owens - Pickens CTC	Adger Vanadore - Ware Shoals
Kessla Clark - Central	Jacob Strickland - Green Sea Floyds	Bradale Purser - Pickens CTC	Braden Bowen - West Oak
Samuel Dresser - Central	Brianna Bishop - Indian Land	Samantha Sanders - Pickens CTC	Connor Brock - West Oak
Payton Evans - Central	Kelton Bloxham - Indian Land	Amber Schintzius - Pickens CTC	Adisyn Belle Lyles - West Oak
John Haigler - Central	Abigail Chamberlain - Indian Land	Tyler Sowell - Pickens CTC	Reese Bacote - WJ Keenan
Raheem Lindo - Central	Jared Collins - Indian Land	Elizabeth Talley - Pickens CTC	Alex King - Woodmont
Isabel Martinez - Central	Calvin Currie - Indian Land	Desiri Blanchard - RD Anderson	Laura Mahaffey - Woodmont
Aleah Nicholson - Central	Christopher Russell Daniels - Indian Land	Madison Weeks - RD Anderson	Hannah Hancock - Woodmont
Kylie Sims - Central	Rebecca Davis - Indian Land	Kelson William Palmer - Ridge	Gunnar Black - York
Luke Dixon - Cheraw	Anna Juarez - Indian Land	Spring-Monetta	Shaw Littleton - York
Amber Gainey - Cheraw	Mason Mazurek - Indian Land	Hunter Waters - Ridge Spring-Monetta	Samuel Starnes - York
Jacob Goddard - Cheraw	Dustin Thomas - Indian Land	Cody Clary - Saluda	Janna Thompson - York
Kris Little - Cheraw	Shayla Valdez - Indian Land	Alexis Gunter - Saluda	Trenton White - York
			Blakelee Wisher - York

## American FFA Degree

Kaylynn Jane Hippler - Anderson	William Blake Collins - Aynor	Philip Rhodes - Calhoun Falls	Matt Paul Stevens - Loris
Maeghan Inez Burdette - Anderson	Lucas Jordan - Aynor	Amarillo Marie Nivens - Clover	Will F Lever - Newberry County
Joseph Powell Copelan - Anderson	Jeremy Buck Larrimore - Aynor	Allison Renee Harman - Gilbert	Career Center
William Lane Keasler - Anderson	Hannah White - Aynor	Austin Daniel Cathcart - Lexington	Carmen S Hendrix - Ninety Six
Hunter Keith Holden - Andrew Jackson	Andrew Cobb - Calhoun Falls	Richland 5	Joseph McCannon - Pendleton
James Poston - Aynor	William Lewis - Calhoun Falls	Jacob Cathcart - Lexington Richland 5	Michaela Madison Gibson - Pickens CTC

# SC FFA CAMP NORTH MYRTLE BEACH



The SC FFA Camp was established in North Myrtle Beach in 1957. The camp provides 35 acres nestled in the marsh of the Atlantic Ocean. Since its opening, thousands of rural youth have had the opportunity to visit the Myrtle Beach area, some experiencing their first glimpse of the Atlantic Ocean. The FFA Camp, once limited to the summer months, has grown to include camping programs year-round. All camping programs are designed around leadership development and career success. As a result, the facility has provided additional opportunities for young people to experience the peaceful ocean setting, while gaining practical knowledge and life skills.



## 2018-19 Camp Attendance



**66**  
Outdoor  
Recreation  
Camp

**31**  
Forestry  
Camp

**109**  
Summer  
Leadership  
Camp

**447**  
Summer  
Camps



**72**  
Equine  
Camp

**130**  
Greenhand  
Camp

**34**  
Fish and  
Marine  
Aquatics  
Camp





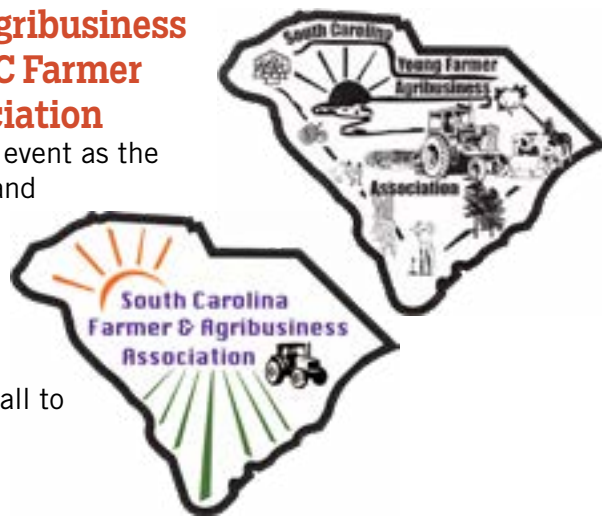
# FARMER AND AGRIBUSINESS ASSOCIATION

## Learning is a Life-long Process

SC Agricultural Education believes that learning is a life-long process. As a result, each program in the state that has a teacher on extended contract, is required to conduct adult education programs. In the process of providing adult education, the Young Farmers of America Association was born. The association allowed teachers to organize adults in the community and more easily provide ongoing education. The Young Farmers of American has evolved to become the SC Farmer and Agribusiness Association, as it is known today.

## SC Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association Becomes SC Farmer and Agribusiness Association

2018-19 marked an historical event as the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association, changed its name by dropping the word "Young". The move was made to better reflect the membership of the Association, and to encourage all to join, both young and old.



**Tim Faulkner**, from the Laurens County Chapter, was elected at the 2018 National Young Farmer Education Association (NYFEA) National Institute, to serve as the 2018-19 National President-Elect.

**2018-2019**

**1056 Members  
42 Chapters**

### Agribusiness Person of the Year

#### Region I Winner

John Davis - Crescent Chapter

#### Region III Winner

Jason Tyner - Darlington Chapter

#### Region II Winner

Beth White - York County Chapter

#### Region IV and State Winner

John Cuttino - Edisto Chapter

### South Carolina Farmer and Agribusiness Association Farmer of the Year

#### Region III Winner and State Winner

Ryan Galloway - Darlington Chapter

### Energy Efficient Farmer of the Year

Posthumously awarded to Tim Kelley - Crescent Chapter.

### Conservation Farmer of the Year:

John Cuttino - Edisto Chapter

### SC FAA Award Winners

#### Irrigated Corn Producer of the Year

William Jameson - Edisto Chapter

#### Non-irrigated Corn Producer of the Year

Brad Elliott - Horry County Chapter

#### Non-irrigated Soybean Producer of the Year

Jason Wright - Tyger River Chapter.

#### Cotton Producer of the Year

Clark Stillinger - Edisto Chapter

#### Peanut Producer of the Year

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#### Small Grain Producer of the Year

Ryan Freeman - Darlington Chapter

#### Beef Producer of the Year

Blake Wisher - York County Chapter

#### Farm Shop of the Year

Jim Jarrard - Crescent Chapter

#### Horticulture Award Winner

Tanner Rhodes - Crescent Chapter

#### Chapter President of the Year

Kayla Player - Lee County chapter

#### Chapter Membership Award

Spring Hill Chapter

#### Largest Increase in Membership

Edisto Young Farmers

### Chapter Awards Recognition

#### Region I Winner

Crescent Young Farmers, Advisors Caroline Snellings and Brantley Caldwell

#### Region II Winner

Spring Hill Young Farmers, President Jeremy Alcorn, Advisors Kevin Sox, Sim Asbill, and Jessica Hidalgo.

#### Region III Winner

Darlington Young Farmers, Advisor Bert Beasley

#### Region IV Winner and State Winner

Edisto Chapter, President Jay Fanning, Advisor Travis Ard

### Chapter Advisor Award

**Region I and State Winner** - Brenda Wright

**Region II Winner** - Kevin Sox

**Region III Winner** - Bert Beasley

**Region IV Winner** - Travis Ard



# SC ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS

The **South Carolina Association of Agricultural Educators (SCAAE)**, is an affiliate of the NAAE. The NAAE or National Association of Agricultural Educators, is a federation of state agricultural educators' associations with more than 7,800 members. Members are involved in school-based agricultural education at any level, from middle school through postsecondary, and state and national agricultural education leaders.



## SCAAE Executive Committee

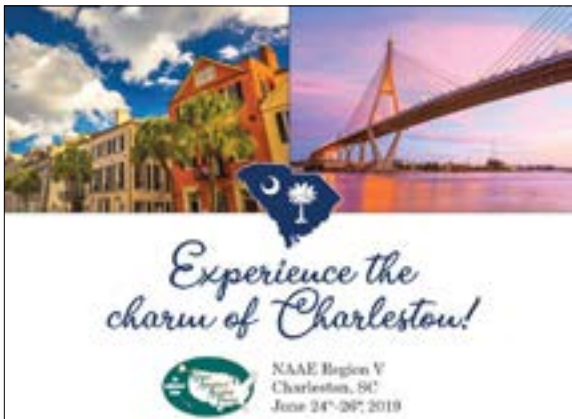
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Desiree Still, Swansea, SC

## 2018-19 SCAAE Award Winners

**Student Teacher Scholarship** – Bethany Gochenour  
**Teacher Turn the Key Award** – Ben Teal, McBee High School  
**Outstanding Early Career Educator** – Beth Ann Melton, Battery Creek High School  
**Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher of the Year** – Ben Woody, BHP High School  
**Outstanding Secondary School Program of the Year** – Laurens High School  
**Outstanding Post-Secondary Program of the Year** – Tastefully Local (Lee Petitgout, Advisor)  
**Outstanding Mentor of the Year** – Christina Addis, Seneca High School  
**Outstanding Service Citation** – Ag South  
**Ideas Unlimited** – Robert Bollier, Lexington Technology Center  
**Clark Woods Distinguished Teacher Award** – Brenda Wright  
**John W. Parris Agricultural Leadership Award** – Dr. Kathy Coleman, Director Sandhill REC



The **SCAAE** was privileged to host the **Region V NAAE Conference** in Charleston. Region V consists of seven states across the Southeast, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Conference provided an opportunity for SC to demonstrate the Charm of Charleston and display some good old fashioned South Carolina hospitality while conducting workshops and tours of local agriculture and agricultural education sites. The National Association of Agricultural Educators is a federation of state agricultural educators associations with more than 7,800 members. Our members are involved in school-based agricultural education at any level, from middle school through postsecondary, and state and national agricultural education leaders.



**Dr. Dale Layfield**, Agricultural Education Associate Professor at Clemson University, was named the **2018-19 SCACTE** (South Carolina Association of Career and Technical Education) **Teacher Educator of the Year**. This award recognizes teacher educators who have demonstrated innovation in teacher education, leadership in improving CTE, and commitment to preparing teachers to deliver high quality CTE programs. Since arriving at Clemson in 1999, Dr. Layfield, has been engaged in many activities involving distance education and applications of educational technology with undergraduate and graduate students in agricultural education.



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